

NOTICE OF A PRE-HEARING OPEN HOUSE AND TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR OFFICIAL MAP ACT
PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED
U.S. 64, ASHEBORO BYPASS, FROM U.S. 64 WEST OF ASHEBORO TO
U.S. 64 EAST OF ASHEBORO

TIP Project No. R-2536

Randolph County

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold a Pre-Hearing Open House and a Transportation Corridor Official Map Act Public Hearing on Thursday, November 8, 2012 at Southmont Elementary School located at 2497 Southmont Dr., Asheboro.

NCDOT representatives will be available at the Pre-Hearing Open House between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to answer questions and receive comments about the proposed project. The opportunity to submit written comments or questions will also be provided. Interested citizens may attend at any time during the above mentioned hours.

A formal presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m. The presentation will consist of an explanation of the proposed U.S. 64 Asheboro Bypass and the effects that the "Protected Corridor" will have on properties that lie within the proposed path. The hearing will be open to those present for statements, questions and comments. The presentation and comments will be recorded and a transcript will be prepared. For more information about the Transportation Corridor Official Map Act, citizens can reference General Statute 136-44.50.

NCDOT proposes to construct a four-lane, median-divided freeway on new location from U.S. 64 west of Asheboro to U.S. 64 east of Asheboro about 0.6 miles east of the U.S. 64/Presnell Street intersection. Overall the project is about 14 miles in length. Additional right of way and the relocation of homes and businesses will be required for construction.

The purpose of the project is to improve access around the City of Asheboro and to the North Carolina Zoo, relieve traffic congestion on existing U.S. 64 in Asheboro, and enhance high-speed regional travel along the U.S. 64 intrastate corridor.

In May 2004, Alternative 29 Corridor was selected as the Preferred Alternative for the U.S. 64 Asheboro Bypass. A Design Public Hearing was held in March 2008 to present the final design of the project and the environmental document to the public. Shortly after the hearing, project work was suspended due to funding limitations. Since project work has resumed, the design has been modified slightly. The design will be shown again at the upcoming hearing as well as presentation of the official transportation corridor.

Maps displaying the location of the Asheboro Bypass are available for public review at Asheboro Planning & Zoning Dept. – Asheboro Municipal Building, 146 North Church St., Asheboro; Randolph County Planning & Zoning, 204 E. Academy St., Asheboro; Randolph County Courthouse -2nd Floor, 176 E. Salisbury St., Asheboro; and at the NCDOT District Engineer's Office, 300 Country Club Dr., Asheboro. The maps may also be viewed online at <http://www.ncdot.org/projects/asheboro/>.

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Jamille Robbins, NCDOT-Human Environment Section at 1598 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1598, by phone at (919) 707-6085, or via email at jarobbins@ncdot.gov. Additional comments may be submitted until December 10, 2012.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who want to participate in this meeting. Anyone requiring special services should contact Robbins as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.

Persons who speak Spanish and do not speak English, or have a limited ability to read, speak or understand English, may receive interpretive services upon request prior to the meeting by calling 1-800-481-6494.